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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated September 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.